**Anaphylaxis Interview Questions**

School Nurse; Billings Public School. Interview Date June 2014

1. What is your policy with regard to nuts (peanut and tree nuts) in your schools?

* Nut free district?
* Nut free school(s)?
* Nut free classroom(s)?
* Nut free table(s) in the lunchroom?
* (And if policy is written, can you send a copy or direct to a copy?)

***“There is no written policy; it is procedural but not written. If a student has an allergy, we visit with parents, and make the health plan/emergency care plan. We don’t say we are nut free, we call it nut safe. We do the best we can. The school that stopped serving P&J sandwiches years ago is Arrowhead Elementary. I’m not sure if they still don’t as that student is now in high school. The parent requested that because he was allergic to the smell. I don’t remember getting medical records to verify that. The principal did it to make parent “more comfortable”. I’m not sure if he had a 504 plan. Other students though could bring in their own PB&J. Arrowhead, like many schools, had a nut free table and he used that. The child came to that school in kindergarten and attended through 6th. In 7th grade, he no longer needed a nut free table. “***

1. What is your policy with regard to serving nuts/nut products by your school or district food service?

* No use or serve nuts/products by food service?
* No serve peanut butter by food service?
* No serve of pre-packaged PB&J sandwiches?

***“I don’t think they put nuts in cookies etc. Ask F&N.”***

1. If you have a policy of limiting nuts, how and why was this decision made?
   * How is this limitation enforced?
   * What type/amount of training has been needed to enforce the policy?
   * What has been the school nurse role with enforcement?

***“We met with parents, principals, SN and developed his care plan. It was very school specific. I don’t remember push back from other parents.”***

1. What about actual practices in your district/school(s)/classroom(s)?
   * How common are 504 for food allergic students and what is school nurse involvement in those 504’s?

***“We don’t do many 504’s for allergies or DM’s because schools accommodate. It is school specific by principal.”***

1. What has been the impact of policy?

* On gluten-free students
* On vegetarian students
* On F&R meal students

***“Unknown. This was not a school with a high amount of Free and reduced students.”***

1. What alternatives to peanut butter has your district/school implemented?

***Unknown***

1. What feedback have you received regarding this issue?

* From students?
* From parents/families?
* From community members/groups?

***Unknown***

1. Has this reduced the number of allergic reactions in school? Is your answer backed by statistics or is it anecdotal?

***This was at one school only; no data. No allergic reactions known***

1. What do you think has gone well with implementing your policy and what would you like to have changed with implementation if you had that ability?

***I wouldn’t recommend a change to anything. They did what parent wanted. Nut free table is best accommodation. It worked out. That student was the first student to be allowed to carry his own Epipen****.*